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Grim Find In Lake District

Cumberland, Apr. 10.
Two dead men were the grim discovery of a party searching for dead sheep, 1,500 feet up a mountain here today.

Looking for sheep which died in the blizzards, the search party found a hiker drowned in a flooded stream, and after digging through snow drifts reached his companion, dead from exposure and a fractured thigh.

The two men were on an Easter holiday hiking tour of the Lake District. It is believed that the second man, found, 25-year-old Arthur Francis Appleby, fell about 20 feet on the first drop of a waterfall in a cleft of the 3,000 feet mountain, and that his friend, 27-year-old Edward G. Cockayne, left to get help after making Appleby comfortable with his rucksack under his head, but slipped at the waterfall's third drop, fell 20 feet into the stream and was drowned.

The tragedy is thought to have occurred on Saturday.—Reuter.

London Dockers To Strike?

London, Apr. 11.
Seven hundred London dockers decided at a mass meeting today to go on strike on Monday unless the Ministry of Labour agrees in the meantime to discuss the redundancy issue, over which Glasgow dockers have been on strike since March 24.

Last night, the London Port Workers' Defence Committee issued a statement declaring that the case of the Glasgow workers, where 500 men were discharged as redundant, was one the London dockers were likely to have to face soon.

The General Secretary of the Scottish Trades Union Congress, which has supported the Glasgow workers, will try to interview Ministry of Labour officials in London today. His Council has already made representations at high level for intervention.—Reuter.

"Lampshade Ilse" Wore Tight Dresses

Munich, Apr. 10.
A prince, a former American citizen and a woman are among 31 Nazi officials from the Buchenwald concentration camp who will face an American military court at Dachau tomorrow, charged with crimes against humanity. Among the former inmates of the camp invited to give evidence are Leon Blum, the French Socialist leader and former Premier, Peter Zenkl, the Czechoslovak deputy Premier, Madame Coillet, sister of General Charles de Gaulle, and Christopher Burnley, a British playwright. The trial, expected to last two months, is the first for the administrators of one of Germany's largest and most notorious "murder mills," where 51,000 people are reported to have died.

The remaining guards and camp administrators will be tried later. The central figures in the trial are:

Frau Koch
1. Frau Ilse Koch, 42 year old widow of the camp's former commandant, who was today reported to be pregnant.
Known as "Lampshade" Ilse, she is said to have made a hobby of collecting lampshades and pocketbooks made from the tattooed skins of camp inmates.

Frau Koch, plump and red-headed, who married the commandant after working as a guard, is reported to have deliberately worn tight-fitting dresses to attract the attention of male inmates so that she might have them beaten for "insulting" her.

She was imprisoned by the Allies two years ago and is charged with crimes against humanity. If her pregnancy is proved, the court will not be able to sentence

WAVE OF DESTRUCTION IN THE UNITED STATES

Tornado Death Toll May Reach 160 Mark; Nine Die In Mine Tragedy

Earthquake And Large Fire

Woodward, Oklahoma, Apr. 11.
There are indications that the final death toll of the devastating tornado which swept across Texas and Oklahoma might reach 160 when rescue workers complete the search of smashed homes, business buildings and barns. The figure will also include those among the injured who are not likely to recover.

The Red Cross "verified casualty lists" show 132 dead and 1,256 injured. This town was the hardest hit of five but only because it was the largest. Approximately 100 square blocks were knocked down—a high proportion of the total of the built-up areas.

Of Woodward's 7,000 population, 86 were known to be dead, 31 missing and 500 injured and

At least 5,000 persons are homeless. Here in Woodward, there were at least 3,500 without living quarters. More than 350 homes and business buildings were destroyed in five minutes of tornado wind.

The tornado boiled up shortly after dark at White Deer, Texas. There it derailed a freight train. It cut across the edge of the town of Canadian, and bounced to land on Glazier, eight miles away. Again it lifted.

COAL MINE DISASTER
Exeter, Pa. Apr. 10.
Pennsylvania's second coal mine disaster in 17 days killed nine miners 400 feet below the surface today, while nine others were injured.

The blast was a coal gas explosion and occurred in the Schooley anthracite mine of the Knox Coal Company.

The 10 dead and injured miners were the only men in the tunnel where the gas exploded. Rescue workers wearing gas masks risked their lives to reach the victims, who were trapped by falling rock and debris.

Four hours after the blast, the last body was brought to the surface. Three of the injured were reported to be in critical condition in Pittsford Hospital.

Federal and State authorities began an investigation at once. The mine had been given a good safety rating by both Federal and State inspectors.—United Press.

RECORD SUNSPOT
London, Apr. 11.
A sunspot bigger than ever before recorded was reported on Thursday by the Royal Observatory, Greenwich. A spokesman said today that he was "amazed" that it varied so little from the radio communications.

He said the spot covered over 63,815,000 square miles. This would be about 10 per cent bigger than the largest previously recorded in February, 1946.—Associated Press.

ed, only to smack squarely on Higgins, Texas. From there, it swept on with unerring accuracy at Woodward.

It was last reported to have missed by 300 feet the Kansas hamlet of Harveyville, 25 miles from Topeka.

Doctors Rushed
All available relief agencies hurried to the work of aiding the living and to the tragic task of digging out the dead. The State patrols of Oklahoma and Texas poured all available manpower into the shattered district. Fourth Army Headquarters at San Antonio rushed in blood plasma, doctors, nurses and medical supplies.

Scenes at the local hospital, and at the emergency hospitals set up to care for Woodward's injured until they could be moved to other cities were pitiful. Dazed citizens moved through the buildings searching for missing members of their families.

Injured children sobbed for their parents. Many injured were screaming and hysterical and kept repeating queries about the welfare of relatives, not thinking of themselves, as doctors and nurses moved quickly from cot to cot.

Looting
State highway patrolmen have taken charge of this stricken city with orders to "get tough" to halt looting. The troopers will be augmented by a platoon of Oklahoma National Guardsmen.

State Safety Commissioner Paul Reed announced after a conference with city and county officials.

Mayor R. A. Dosch asked the State to take charge, saying "through shattered houses and wrecked fronts of business houses in quest of valuables. He said the local authorities could not handle the situation."

Looting was previously reported at Higgins, Texas, where the twister killed at least 21 persons.—United Press.

DOUBLE SUMMER TIME

London, Apr. 10.
Great Britain will adopt double summer time commencing on Sunday, April 13. This means an advance of one hour on the present British Summer Time.—Reuter.

Earthquake Rocks Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Apr. 10.
A sharp earthquake rocked Los Angeles at about 4 p.m. (GMT) today. Tremors were also felt at San Diego and nearby communities, but no reports of damage have yet been received.

In Long Beach, buildings away from perceptibly and the earthquake duration was estimated at forty to fifty seconds. The California Institute said that it could not definitely determine the direction or distance quickly, but described it as "severe."

The California Institute of Technology's seismological laboratory at Pasadena said that its only available instrument was thrown off its track by the force of the tremor.

The shock was felt as far as Phoenix, Arizona, about 350 miles distant, where persons in hotels and office buildings called newspaper offices and reported having experienced a slight jarring motion.

No Loss Of Life
The tremor rocked most of southern California but there were no immediate reports of loss of life or serious damage. Seismologists said that the earthquake's length indicated that it was deep-seated and probably severe in some locality.

Centres to the north and east of California reported only a slight tremor while the shock was almost unnoticed in Owens Valley.

Although sharp in some sectors, the quake caused no serious damage in thickly populated areas and there were no injuries.

A shattered bank window in Glendale was apparently the most severe loss.—Reuter.

Fire On Treasure Island

San Francisco, Apr. 11.
One of the most spectacular fires in recent San Francisco history gutted a six-square block area in the heart of the Treasure Island Navy base, slightly injuring 15 fire-fighters and destroying six buildings and property valued at more than \$5,000,000.

A total of 2,000 fire-fighters brought the blaze under control against a stiff breeze three hours after it broke out in former barracks at present used for storage.

The fire, spreading amazingly fast among the flimsy wooden frame buildings regulated by the Navy after the Golden Gate International Exposition in 1928 and 1940, shot flames 200 feet into the air at times.

A black pall of smoke billowed up 1,000 feet and spread southward above San Francisco Bay for 20 miles.

The Treasure Island commandant said between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000 worth of electronic equipment were destroyed in the big building where the fire started from unknown causes.—United Press.

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SILVER COIN REGULATIONS

Nanking, Apr. 11.
The Ministry of Finance today announced regulations prohibiting holding or dealing in silver coins. It said that such coins must be exchanged at the official rate at banks designated by the Government.

The Ministry also announced that loans calculated in silver are to be repaid in Chinese currency.

Another Ministry of Finance regulation today raised the amount of Chinese currency which travellers may carry with them on leaving Chinese territory from \$250,000 to \$500,000.—Reuter.

How To Keep Warm In Bed

Berlin, Apr. 11.
Ingenious Berliners have borrowed a page from an 18 century book of schemes on how to keep warm in bed.

As a 20th century version of the old bed-warmer, smart Berliners take two bricks, heat them over the stove, wrap them in newspapers, and then place them under the bed covers. Proponents of this system say that, even on the coldest nights the feet stay warm in bed.

Some of the more adventurous bed-warmer enthusiasts have even started using brick-linked beds. These people heat 10 bricks, line eight on one side of the bed, eight on the other, and then crawl in between for a well-heated night.

"I now sleep in Seventh Heaven," advised one of the founders of the new "brick-to-the-bricks" movement.—Associated Press.

Unofficial
Although Mr. Wallace's visit to London is entirely unofficial, what members of his party regard as an official stamp of British approval will be put on his tour tomorrow when he will lunch with the Prime Minister. Mr. Lewis Douglas, the new

New Government For China

(From Our Own Correspondent)
Shanghai, Apr. 11.
The new Chinese Government will be promulgated some time between April 15 and 20, according to a statement made to me today on the forthcoming Government reorganisation by a leading member of the Kuomintang.

The delay, he added due to the hesitations of the minority parties, has now been overcome.

General Chang Chun, Governor of Szechuen and leader of the so-called Political Science Group, will be President of the Executive Yuan, or Premier, and Dr. Sun Fo Vice-President of the National Government.

The new State Council, replacing the former National Defence Council, will consist of 40 members, i.e., Kuomintang 12, Social-Democrats 4, Youth Party 5, ex-officio heads of the five yuans 5, and 10 seats kept open for the Communists.

National Elections
The Executive Yuan (roughly corresponding to the British Cabinet) will consist of 25 members, i.e., the present 15 ministries, seven without portfolio and three new minor ministries.

The minority parties will be given four minor ministries.

In August national elections will be held for the National Assembly, the Legislative and Control Yuans. In 1948 elections will be held for provincial governors, mayors and district officials.—Our Own Correspondent.

SHIPBUILDING SUBSIDY
Washington, Apr. 11.
The U.S. Maritime Commission announced today that it will permit shipbuilders to bid on the construction of five combination passenger-cargo vessels for a round-the-world service.

Ships are wanted by the American President Lines of San Francisco, which has applied to the Commission for a construction differential subsidy. These subsidies are to make up for higher cost of building ships in this country.

The Commission said it will take the bids to build these ships instead of the six new type C-3 cargo vessels previously contemplated.—Associated Press.

Opinions Differ On Wallace

London, Apr. 10.
British opinion has begun to split on Henry Wallace and his anti-Truman doctrine stand in the United States. The press in London today did not give much of its precious, paper-rationed space to reporting the lengthy news conference given yesterday by the former United States Secretary of Commerce, who is at present in England. But several newspapers did devote editorials and special articles to him and his ideas.

The sharp divergence of opinion, says the correspondent of the "New York Times," follows fairly closely the party cleavage with the Conservative papers against Wallace and Liberal and, particularly, left wing papers strongly pro-Wallace.

Typical of favourable comment was an editorial in the pro-Labour Government tabloid "Daily Mirror," with one of the biggest circulations in Great Britain.

"Now that Roosevelt is no longer on the scene, Mr. Wallace ranks as Britain's best friend," the "Mirror" said. "He represents a brand of idealism based on freedom and democracy combined with willingness and eagerness to try and get on with Russia. This policy will command admiration."

An opposite view is presented in the Conservative "Daily Mail," which says in an editorial: "Mr. Henry Wallace may think he has the answer to the current riddle of the universe. But like the rest of us he is like a child crying in the terrible dark."

No Public Comment
Mr. Attlee has so far avoided any public comment on President Truman's policy of aid to Greece and Turkey, though presumably he sponsored the welcome given to it by the Foreign Office.

It is no secret, however, that many Cabinet members and leading Labourites are fearful lest Truman's blunt challenge to Soviet expansionism lead to war.

On Monday night he will dine at the House of Commons with a group of Members of Parliament headed by Major Donald Bruce, one of the leaders of the left wing "rebels" who object to Mr. Ernest Bevin's "foreign policy" as "insufficiently pro-Soviet."

On Wednesday night next week he will address a private meeting of Members of Parliament of all parties.—Reuter.

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A ceremony is to be held at Government House at 12 noon on Tuesday next week, at which His Excellency the Governor will present insignia to the following persons to whom honours have been awarded:—

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Hon. Mr. D. M. MacDonnell.
Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, M.C.

O. B. E.
Dr. J. P. Pehilly.
Mr. W. J. Anderson.
Mr. A. W. Brown.

M. B. E.
Mr. H. A. Angus.
M. B. E. (Mil. Div.)
Mr. C. S. Barron.

B. E. M.
Mr. Ma Bun Sun.
King's Commendation
Storehouseman, Kitchell.

Sir Robert Ho Tung, K.L.D., will receive from the hands of His Excellency the insignia of the late Lady Margaret Ho Tung who was appointed in 1942 to be an Officer of the Order of the British Empire.

There are also for presentation a number of certificates which have been awarded to various persons who helped Allied prisoners to escape from Hong Kong during the Japanese occupation. Full details of these awards, which were coupled with monetary rewards to village communities, were

published in the Press recently. The certificates, which are over the signature of His Excellency the Governor, are printed in English and Chinese. The text is as follows:

"In recognition of his gallant services in the Allied cause this certificate is awarded to who, neither influenced by hope of reward, nor yet deterred by fear of reprisals, gave most valuable assistance to members of the Allied forces during the enemy occupation of this Colony."

THE WEATHER

A moderate anticyclone which covers Mongolia, China and the Eastern Sea is increasing in intensity and is spreading southward. Pressure is low to the S of the Caroline. A deep depression is situated to the NE of Japan.

Today's Forecast:—Moderate E and NE winds, probably freshening later; fair at first, becoming cloudy; mild.

Yesterday's Weather:—
Maximum: 73.8 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 63.4 deg. Fah.
Sunshine: 8.9 hours.
Rainfall: Nil. Total since January 1: 102.8 mm. as against an average of 200.5 mm.

Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m.
Bar. at sea level: 1012.3 1015.5 m.b.
Temp. at 5 ft. 29.3 29.3 fahrenheit.
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Dew Point: 62 62 deg. F.
Wind Direction: S by E S by E
Wind Force: 14 15 knots.

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Meeting of the members of this
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Office of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Co. Ltd. on Monday
the 28th day of April, 1947, at
Noon, to receive the Report of
the Board of Directors and
Statement of Accounts for the
year ended 31st December,
1946, to elect Directors and to
appoint Auditors.

Notice is also given that the
Transfer Books of the Com-
pany will be closed from the
15th April 1947, to the 28th
April, 1947, both days inclusive.

By Order of
the Board of Directors,
C. E. TERRY,
Manager & Secretary.

Hong Kong, 8th April, 1947.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that the
twentieth Ordinary Yearly
Meeting of the Shareholders in
the Company will be held at the
Offices of the General Managers,
Mezzanine Floor, Windsor
House, on Tuesday, 15th April
1947 at 11.30 a.m. for the pur-
pose of confirming the appoint-
ment of the Board of Directors
and receiving their Report and
Statements of Accounts for the
year ending 31st July 1941, and
for the periods 1st August,
1941 to 31st December, 1941
and 1st October, 1945 to 31st
July, 1946 and to re-elect
Directors and Auditors.

By Order of the
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Secretary.

Hong Kong, 31st March, 1947.

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FRENCH CLAIM TO SAAR Supported By Britain And America Customs, Finance Union

Moscow, Apr. 10.
The Foreign Ministers today continued their dis-
cussions of Germany's frontiers dealing with
the Ruhr, Rhineland and the Saar. M. Bidault
(France) made his statements on the Ruhr
and Rhineland and was followed by Mr. Bevin
(Britain) and then by General Marshall
(United States).

M. Bidault, in one of the three statements circulated
at today's session of the Council of Foreign
Ministers, declared that France will view with
indifference the constitution of the Rhineland
either as one or several states. The other two
statements gave France's viewpoint on the
future of the Ruhr and the Saar.

"It is of course essential to
take into account the wishes of
the local population in deter-
mining the Rhineland's political
status," M. Bidault said.
"On the condition of the state
or states created in the Rhine-
land would enjoy complete au-
tonomy."

"If we do not hold the Rhine
permanently, no neutrality,

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at the Offices of Messrs.
Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd.,
No. 18, Pedder Street, Hong
Kong, on Monday, the 21st day
of April, 1947, at 12.45 p.m. (or
as soon thereafter as the An-
nual General Meeting to be held
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Directors may think fit."

Dated this Eighth day
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By Order of
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B. C. FIELD,
Secretary.

HARBOUR DEPARTMENT

Shipping News

Notice is hereby given that
from the 1st May, 1947, all
information regarding shipping
movements entering or lying in
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CHOIR BOYS PLEASE

London, Apr. 10.
A notice in evening papers
tonight, "Choir boys please,"
read: "The choir boys of the
church of The Ascension,
Preston Road, Wembley, are
to be asked to enter the
church through the door in-
stead of the windows, because
of the damage caused by this
method of entry."—Reuter.

Big Drive On In Greece

Athens, Apr. 10.
Greek commandos and
infantry landed from
the sea early today at
Cape Platamon, south-
east of Mount Olympus,
in the opening of an
operation intended to
encircle and wipe out
big guerrilla forces on
the mountains of Olympus
and Ossa.

Earlier press reports said
that 600 paratroopers had been
dropped in the Larissa area.
Seaborne forces drove up the
Pinios River valley between the
two heights, with a view to fan-
cing out and encircling the
heavy concentrations of guerrilla
troops who are reported to be hid-
ing on both.

The Minister of Public Or-
der in a statement said:
"Operations are proceeding
satisfactorily in all areas."
The Air Minister said 200
Greek Air Force fighters,
fighter-bombers and Boston
light bombers have been
thrown into the spring "clean-
up" offensive against the Left-
ists and are operating continu-
ously in perfect flying weather.
He added that the results are
"excellent."—United Press.

Armies Out Of Date?

Sydney, Apr. 10.
The Australian Federal Gov-
ernment is unlikely to re-intro-
duce compulsory military train-
ing, because it believes that
"large land armies will be out-
moded by the development of
scientific warfare," says to-
day's "Morning Herald."

The paper adds: "Even if
Field Marshal Viscount Mont-
gomery recommends re-intro-
duction when he comes to Aus-
tralia, the Government will
argue very strongly against it."
Mr. Chifley, Prime Minister,
believed that if Australia be-
came involved in another war,
it would be a "push button
war." He considers, therefore,
that there is little need to main-
tain a large army of foot sol-
diers.—Reuter.

Statement On Saar

M. Bidault then made a state-
ment on the Saar Basin. He
said that France's position was
essentially a question of obtain-
ing coal and simultaneously
diminishing Germany's war po-
tential.

France had no intention of
incorporating 900,000 Germans
by force into her political front-
iers, or to deport any of the
population. She had, there-
fore, proposed economic and
monetary union of the Saar
Zone with France. Polit-
ically, while the Saar would be
detached from Germany, the
inhabitants would keep their
local citizenship and their own
institutions.

France would be responsible
for the defence of the territory
against outside aggression
and would keep a High Com-
missioner in the Saar, whose
function would be limited to as-
suring implementation of the
principles underlying the econ-
omic and monetary union. M.
Bidault said. He appealed to
his colleagues to take a deci-
sion on the Saar without delay.

General Marshall said that he
supported the claim of France
to make the same territory de-
tached politically from Ger-
many and have it integrated
with the economic and financial
system of France by a customs
and financial union.—Reuter.

Batavia, Apr. 11.

Britain will make her first
official contact with the new
Indonesian Republic now re-
cognized by Holland when Mr.
Gilbert Mackerrath, British
Consul-General here, pays a
courtesy call on the Indonesian
President, probably next week.
—Reuter.

San Francisco, Apr. 11.

The "Hawkeye Victory" sailed
on Wednesday for Yokohama. The
British tanker "Tarom" sailed for
Surabaya and the Swedish motorship
"Travancore" for Manila.—Asso-
ciated Press.

Military Sit-Down Ends

Carcassonne, Apr. 10.
More than 400 Indo-
Chinese soldiers of the
French Army, who had
staged a weeklong sit-
down strike in barracks,
surrendered tonight af-
ter a two-hour teargas
battle with police and
mobile guardsmen.

Officers said the men multi-
plied as a gesture of sympathy
toward their Vietnamese coun-
trymen fighting French troops
in Northern Indo-China.

Two French soldiers, who
were caught by the Indonesian
troops inside the barracks and
severely beaten, were killed
when they leaped from windows
to escape.

The Indo-Chinese surren-
dered only after the police fired
dozens of teargas shells into the
caserne in which they were bar-
ricaded.

The police had surrounded
the building with nets, but the
two soldiers who leaped failed
to hit them.

The Indo-Chinese troops
were ordered a week ago to
move to the caserne at Albi, 50
miles north of Carcassonne.
They refused, and barricaded
themselves inside the caserne.

The military authorities gave
them until this morning to sur-
render and, when they refused,
surrounded the barracks with
squads of gendarmes and
guarde mobile.

The soldiers, although un-
armed, beat off all attempts to
enter the building and held out
until teargas bombs were
brought up.—United Press.

Students On Warpath

Shanghai, Apr. 11.
All newspapers in Wush, 90
miles west of Shanghai, were
suspended yesterday in a pro-
test against the wrecking of the
"People's Daily" plant by
students of the School for Bor-
der Area Youths on Wednes-
day.

The Chinese report charged
that the students demanded a
correction on the report of the
quarrel with rail station
authorities. When this was re-
fused they wrecked the news-
paper plant.

This is the second newspaper
wrecked in two days in neigh-
bouring cities. A mob, alleged
to be students, attacked the
privately-owned "Min Pao" in
Soochow on Tuesday. Soochow
is 30 miles east of Wush.—
United Press.

Pasquinelli Trial Hysterics

Trieste, Apr. 10.
A three-man British and American Tribunal,
hearing the first murder case in the free state
of Trieste, deliberated only 20 minutes before
finding Maria Pasquinelli guilty of the pre-
meditated and wilful murder of Brigadier
Robin de Winton as he was reviewing his
troops.

The death sentence will be sent to high military
authorities, believed in this case to be the
Supreme Commander of the Mediterranean
forces, who will fix the time, place and method
of execution.

The defendant, who had defend-
ed herself as a martyr for her
country, heard the verdict with no
sign of emotion. When Colonel
John W. Chapman, Judge Ad-
vocate General of the U.S. 8th
Infantry Division, had read the
sentence, she said:

"I thank the court for the kind-
nesses used toward me, but I de-
clare that from now on I refuse
to ask for any personal space
from the oppressors of my coun-
try."

Spectators in the courtroom ex-
ploded with screams of "Brava,
brava" at her words. Hysterical
women went as Pasquinelli was
led from the room. One woman
collapsed and was carried from
the court.

The trial opened on March 12
and was postponed for March 26
until after the Easter holidays,
while a three-man psychi-
atric board examined the defend-
ant, pronounced her sane.—Asso-
ciated Press.

KING CHRISTIAN

Copenhagen, Apr. 10.
King Christian is still
weak, but has held his
strength better than was ex-
pected, his doctors said today.
A source close to the
Palace said there is "no
reason for immediate anxiety,
as his condition looks fairly
well just now."—United
Press.

Looking To The East

San Francisco, Apr. 11.
Western United States manu-
facturers look increasingly to the
Orient for markets and raw ma-
terials, said William L. Mont-
gomery, managing director of the
California Regional Board of the
Far East America Council of
Commerce and Industry.

Montgomery said: "The West
constitutes their conversions from
war time to peace time produc-
tion operations and undertake
their backlogs of domestic or-
ders, are naturally turning to
trans-Pacific markets to sustain
the continued high level of out-
put and pay roll."

"They also are looking across
the Pacific for sources of supply
of many of the materials required
for factory operations."

He predicted that the opening
of council offices in Manila, Bom-
bay and Calcutta will be an-
nounced at the annual meeting in
New York on April 16.
A Shanghai office already is
open.—Associated Press.

Aid Bill Gets Over First Hurdle

Washington, Apr. 10.
The US\$400,000,000 Greco-Turkish aid bill cleared
its first major hurdle when the Senate unani-
mously adopted an amendment giving the
United Nations limited veto power over the
anti-Communism programme.

The amendment was proposed by the Senate Pre-
sident, Arthur Vandenberg, and is an answer
to Congressional charges that the United Na-
tions was bypassed in intervention in the
Mediterranean crisis. It was rushed through
on a voice-vote after less than three days' de-
bate.

Its unchallenged passage was
interpreted as pointing to over-
whelming approval of the en-
tire aid programme when it
reaches the final vote late this
week or early next week.

The amendment would em-
power the United Nations to
halt the programme at its dis-
cretion or upon the direct re-
quest of the Greek or Turkish
government.

What that out of the way, the
Senate also approved unani-
mously an amendment requiring
Senate confirmation of the men
the President will name to
direct the programme and an-
other forbidding the use of
American funds to pay off
Greek or Turkish foreign debts.

The sudden speed-up in
Senate action came shortly
after Senator Taft threw his
support for the first time be-
hind the President's plan to
"quarantine Communism" in
the Middle East.

Senator Taft issued a state-
ment in the midst of a furious
debate in which Senator Tom
Connally denounced Russia as
an aggressor state.

Senator Claude Pepper coun-
tered with the charge that the
United States was abandoning
the principles of President
Roosevelt and waging an "un-
declared war" against the So-
viet Union.

Furious Debate

Senator Taft's statement was
considerably more restrained.
He said he would vote for the
bill because its rejection would
"destroy" American prestige in
the eyes of Russia. At the
same time he made it clear that
he did not regard the Greco-
Turkish programme as a pre-
cedent for similar American
help to other countries which
may be threatened by Commu-
nist expansion.—United Press.

WEST INDIES CONFERENCE

London, Apr. 10.
The Colonial Office announ-
ced tonight that it has recom-
mended a conference of dele-
gates from the British West
Indies to meet at Montego Bay,
Jamaica, in September to con-
sider "closer association of the
British West Indian colonies."
The Governors of Barbados,
British Guiana, British Hono-
luras, Jamaica, Leeward Is-
lands, Trinidad, Tobago and
Windward Islands were asked
to send delegates from their
legislatures.—United Press.

Shouts And Wisecracks At Schacht Trial

Stuttgart, Apr. 10.
The denazification trial of the former Reichsbank
president, Hjalmar Schacht, dissolved into a
three-way verbal wrestling match and inter-
minable explanations of "democracy and par-
liamentary government" in a chilly courtroom
here today.

Schacht and prosecutor Helmut Ballarin shouted
wisecracks at each other throughout the
morning, with the presiding judge, Fritz Lenz,
attempting to keep their tempers under con-
trol. The show played to a small crowd of
newspapermen, local hangers-on and a squad
of police guards, who huddled in their coats in
the freshly-painted, unheated auditorium
serving as courtroom.

Ballarin argued that since
Schacht had spoken with Hitler
and written several letters to
him previous to 1933 he had
supported the National Social-
ists. He also introduced a
book written by Schacht in
1932, concerning Schacht's
economic plan for Germany,
which the prosecution held was
used as election propaganda by
the Nazis.

"I had no sympathy for the
Nazis, never supported them or
voted for them," Schacht snap-
ped. "But we had then a de-
mocratic, parliamentary gov-
ernment and Hitler's group was
the majority party, which
meant he should be allowed the
chancellorship. As an econo-
mics man, I would work with
any government the people
elected. They elected Hitler."

"I'm afraid I don't under-
stand your point," Ballarin
said.
The prosecution once went
into a lengthy explanation of
the German denazification law
under which the ex-banker is
being tried and explained that
Schacht was not a defendant
but the accused, that the indict-
ment was actually a complaint
and the prosecutor actually only
an investigator.

Beetle-browed Wolfgang
Schwamberger, Schacht's at-
torney, in a stage whisper aside
to Schacht, remarked, "I guess
I am not your attorney after
all but only a legal adviser."—
United Press.

Sealing Trent Gap

Gainsborough, Apr. 11.
Before leaving Gainsborough,
Lincoln, for London on Thurs-
day, Doctor Johannes Ringers,
the Dutch drainage expert who
has been advising on the steps
to seal the gap in the river Trent
at Morton, near Gainsborough,
confirmed that the general plan
of action had been arranged
after a conference of expert
engineers, Ministry of Agricul-
ture officials and the River
Trent Catchment Board.

At the Trent Catchment
Board offices in Gainsborough
on Thursday, W. H. Halle, the
chief engineer, said that
weather permitting, the first of
the floating pontoon dredgers
from Holland will leave Am-
sterdam on Thursday and will
pass through the Wumuden
Lock into the North Sea at
noon.

It is expected to arrive in
the Humber on Friday night
and should be at the site on
Saturday afternoon.

Sunday will be spent in as-
sembling and getting the equip-
ment in running order, and on
Monday morning it is expected
to be in full working condition.
A second pontoon will arrive
a day later.—Associated Press.

BRITISH NOTE TO MOSCOW

London, Apr. 10.
The Government is approach-
ing Moscow to ask afresh about
the Soviet views on the British
proposal to hold as soon as
possible a conference of the Big
Four Foreign Ministers to dis-
cuss the ultimate disposal of
former Italian colonies, it was
learned today.

Britain first sent a note to
Russia, the United States and
France, proposing such a con-
ference, about six weeks ago.
France and the United States
accepted the proposal shortly
afterwards. No reply has yet
been received from Moscow.—
Reuter.

Charlie Chaplin Not A Nationalist

(By Rader Winget)
New York, Apr. 11.
Charlie Chaplin said on Thursday at his first for-
eign press conference that he had not become
an American citizen after 30 years in the Uni-
ted States because he is "not a nationalist."

The point was raised following
the publication in a New York
newspaper of questions on Chap-
lin's war work, his one-time ad-
vocacy of cooperation with Rus-
sia and his citizenship.

Chaplin said he had made
speeches throughout the United
States during the war but added,
"I left the entertaining to others
who could do it much better."
"I am not tooting for any
ideology," he continued. "I am for
the progress of the human race.
I am for the little man. I won't
enter into political discussions and
I will leave that to the men in
Washington."
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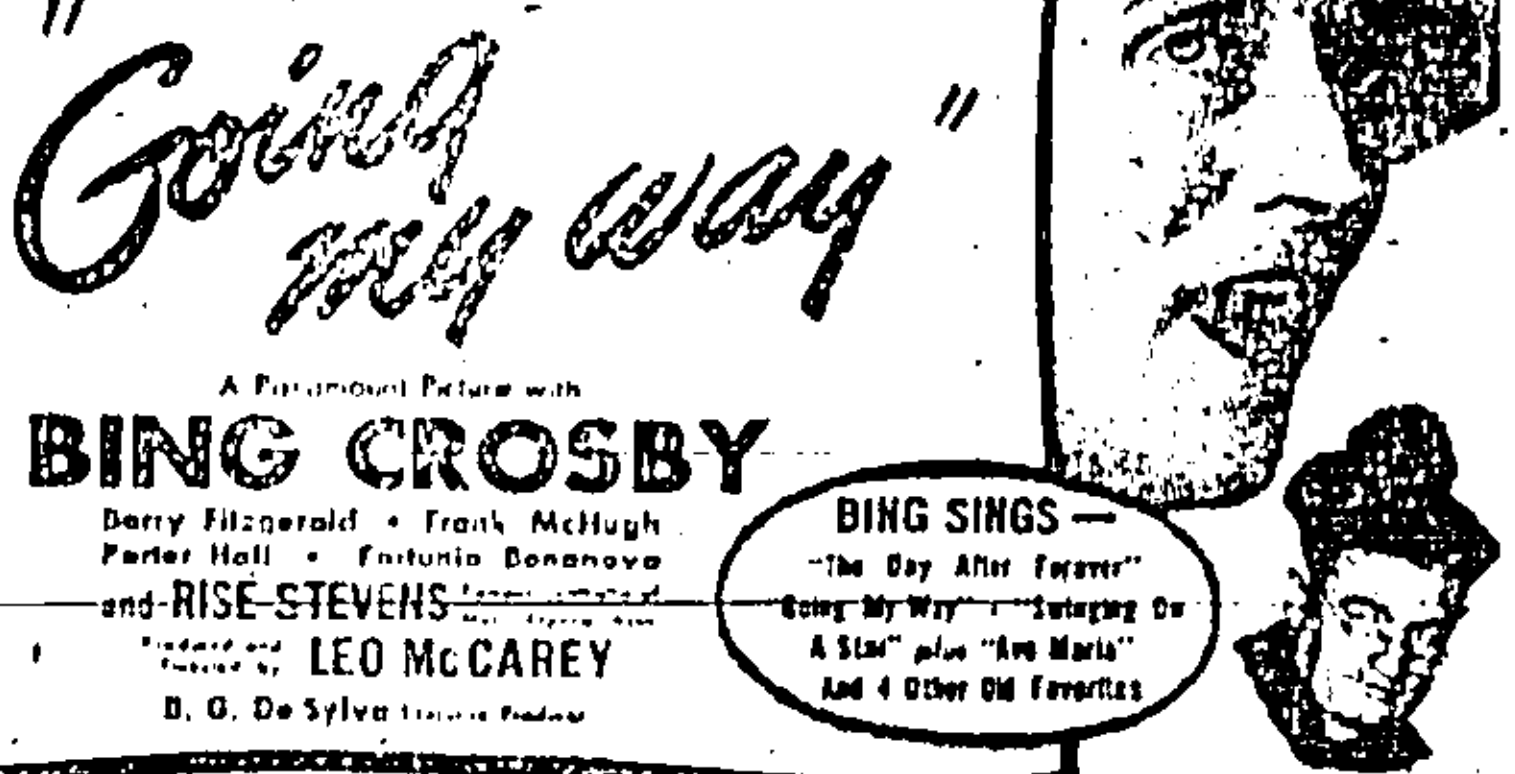
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H.K. TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

Serious Congestion Predicted

(By Margaret Bradbury)

A situation of serious traffic congestion on Hong Kong roads is going to face the authorities fairly soon. This is the opinion of Mr. S. R. Geary, Ex General Manager of the Road Services, London Transport Board, who arrived here early last month to advise the Hong Kong Tramways on various technical matters.

In an interview with Mr. Geary yesterday, it was told: "The road congestion problem here is one that is going to grow, and while there is no serious evidence of it today in my opinion there soon will be."

Pointing out however that congestion as it occurs in London has no parallel in Hong Kong now, Mr. Geary said: "Vehicles are going to increase in number here and then there are so many corksaws and handcars on the roads they are bound to impede the flow of traffic. These, together with hawkers provide one of the biggest hindrances, plus the desire of the public to walk on the roads rather than any where else. Fortunately there are people here whom I believe will find an adequate solution."

H.K. Lucky
In Mr. Geary's view Hong Kong is more fortunate than many other places with regard to its parking spaces. He said: "I think though that the future increase of traffic will force the police to remove some parking facilities at a not very far distant date. There are many well known methods of dealing with the parking problem."

Perhaps the best example of all is in Union Square in San Francisco where they have a very fine underground car park. Before the erection of an underground car park could be made here however, Mr. Geary said many points had to be brought into consideration.

Among them were the fact that the park must be above the water table, and access and egress facilities had to be considered as well as the cost.

Mr. Geary, who is leaving Hong Kong for England aboard the "Strathmore" said that he was extremely impressed by the rehabilitation programme that had been carried out in the Colony.

"The whole of the rehabilitation here generally must have entailed a vast amount of hard work," he said, "and I think the results are very, very good indeed."

Radical Suggestion Put Forward

(By "Paul Pry")

A radical suggestion for cutting down reckless driving and speeding in Hong Kong, and also for reducing the bedlam of noise that is a daily feature of life in the Central District, was voiced yesterday by a veteran car driver who wishes to remain anonymous. The suggestion arose during a discussion on the long list of demands and proposals put forward last week by the Hong Kong Motor Car Drivers Automobile Association.

Some of these suggestions, he said, were just ordinary common sense; others were rather puerile and impracticable. He suggested that his plan, though radical, was not only far more practicable but would also produce immediate results.

"The Police," he said, "should be disconnected for a certain length of time corresponding to the degree of the offence."

Another campaign, this anonymous car driver continued, and one which might usefully be adopted, would be to educate drivers (especially those of high-powered American cars) that the horn is merely a warning device.

"I'm coming," not "Get out of my way!"

Pavements
Furthermore, they should be told that while pavements are provided for pedestrians, in the interests of safety and the smoother flow of traffic, the man on foot is entitled to use the highway "if circumstances require. The car driver has no more right to brush him aside with a rude blast on the horn than he has to force another mechanically-propelled vehicle out of the way."

"Part of this campaign might be directed to drivers of vehicles which are at rest," he concluded.

"It is the rule in some of the more enlightened parts of the world that no horn shall be sounded from a vehicle which is not under way, whether the engine is running or not. "That rule" is consistently broken in Hong Kong. It should be enforced."

Silent Period
A week of no horn-sounding—save, possibly, in the very gravest of emergencies—would, he suggests, have a most salutary and welcome effect on present accident figures. At the end of a week's "silent period," he thinks that most drivers will have found that 90 per cent of their horn-blowing in the past was unnecessary and that it "only takes a few seconds longer to drive carefully, quietly and tactfully."

"Legislation might then be passed enabling the Police to summon any driver who offends in future to appear before a local Court on a charge of unnecessary sounding of his horn. On this being proved, it should be further provided that the Magistrate can order that the offender's horn

Traffic Rules Drive

With an increase in personnel the Kowloon Traffic Department has started on a drive to enforce traffic regulations and, during the last four weeks, approximately 300 summonses have been issued against offenders.

Of these, 67 were heard by Mr. Blair-Kerr yesterday, four were remanded, and one withdrawn. Fines ranging from \$5 to \$200, and totalling \$1,895, were imposed.

For failing to report a traffic accident at To Kwan Wan, To Keung, driver of private car No. 252, was fined \$200, while Au Wing-chung was mulcted in the sum of \$50 for having inefficient brakes on his car (1527) on March 15. While going up the hill leading to the Central British School one of the drums carried on a lorry driven by Chan Heung rolled on to the road and nearly collided with the motor-cycle driven by Si Bell of the Traffic Department. Chan was fined \$50 yesterday for not having his load properly secured.

Taxi 4494, driven by Kwong Yu-man, was one of three cabs following an Army truck up Whitfield Barracks on March 8. As the truck went on to the middle of the path, preparatory to turning, the taxi driven by Kwong crossed in front and collided with the Army vehicle. For driving on the wrong side of the road, Kwong was fined \$75 yesterday.

Licensed to carry a load of four tons, Chan Hum, driver of lorry 5935, loaded his vehicle with seven tons of goods. Fined \$75.

It was emphasised by Inspector J. Scrim that most of the speeding cases were found in the Nathan Road area.

JEWISH CHARGE

Jerusalem, Apr. 10. Britain has launched a "new offensive" a Jewish Agency spokesman here commented today on Britain's note to France and Italy urging strict control over embarkation facilities from Mediterranean ports to check illegal Jewish immigration to Palestine.

The spokesman said that this move and any other efforts to keep the Jews out of Palestine would mean "an increase in the chain of immigrant ships—Reuters."

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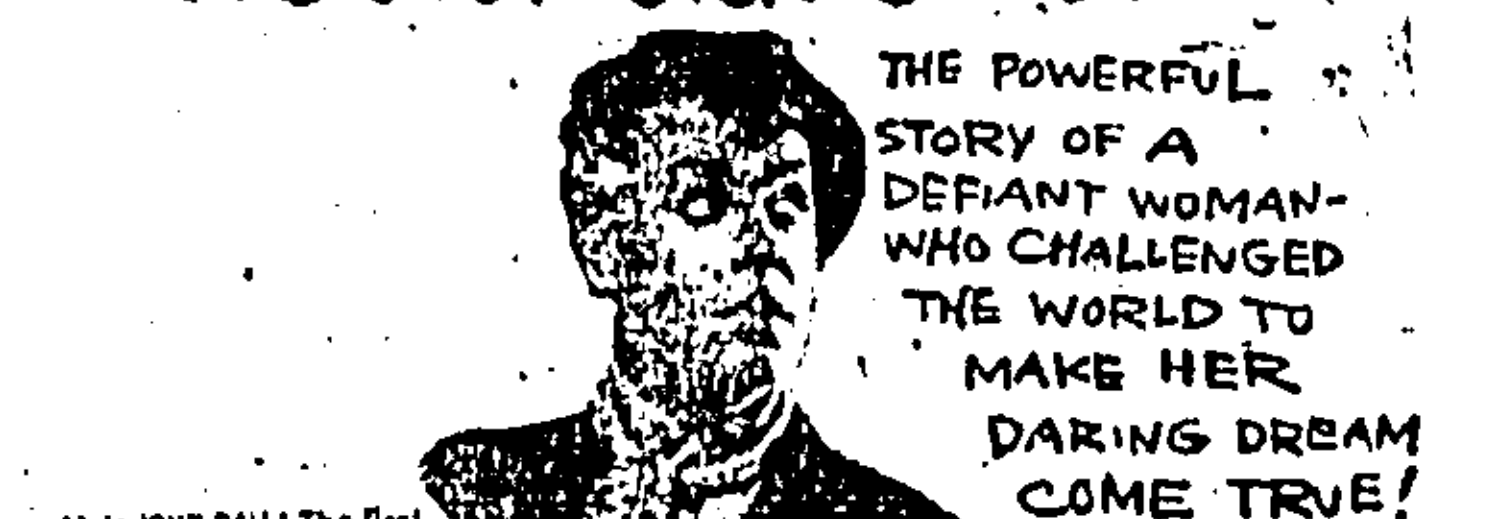
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Attlee Junior In "Calchas"

(By Margaret Bradbury)

Manila, Apr. 11. Martin Attlee, only son of the British Laborite Prime Minister, Clement Attlee, will visit Shanghai incognito sometime this week as a crew member of R.S. Calchas of the Blue Funnel Line now on her way to Shanghai from Manila. It was disclosed here today.

Young Attlee, 10, is one of the crew of cadets manning the newly-commissioned 8,100-ton vessel, which made her maiden voyage two months ago from Liverpool to Shanghai, calling on her way at Hong Kong and Manila. The ship arrived at Manila early Sunday morning and left Monday noon, enabling young Attlee to make a 30-hour stopover at the Philippines war-torn capital.—Central News.

Doll Shop Case Sequel

Washington, Apr. 11. Attorney-General Clark announced today that the United States had taken possession of US\$13,000 which an agent for the Japanese Government gave a resident of New York City to obtain Pearl Harbor information.

Gen. Clark said the money was in the possession of Mrs. Evelyn M. Dickinson, owner of doll shop, who, he said, was arrested by the FBI in 1941 and convicted of violating the censorship statute.

The announcement said a Japanese Naval Attaché contacted Mrs. Dickinson's husband. The Japanese was not named.—Associated Press.

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DEATH

ROSARIO.—On Friday, April 11, 1947, at the General Hospital, Shanghai after a long illness, Angelo Rosario, aged 64 years, the dearly beloved father of Thomas and Elsa.

GOVT. SURPASSES
ITSELF

It is clear on any close study of the new Landlord and Tenant Ordinance that, in vital points of detail, the Legal Department of Government has gone far beyond the intentions of the special committee in translating its recommendations into law. Nothing could be more ridiculous than to pass figures varying from \$200 to \$2,000 as qualifying landlords to claim to have carried out "extensive repairs," and, in consequence, freedom from rent control. The committee over which the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada presided rightly considered that, to encourage housing rehabilitation, if for no other reason, landlords whose property suffered so severely as to require "extensive repairs" should be given opportunity to exempt themselves on heavy expenditure by excluding such properties from rent restrictions. Some premises were so completely wrecked that, on reconstruction, the result was practically a new building, certainly qualified to rank with new buildings for the purpose of legislation. In such cases, the tender for repairs frequently exceeded the original cost of the structure. Reasonably enough, the committee felt that where structural repairs on such a scale were involved, some inducement must be offered to landlords to stir them into action. It is impossible to believe that the committee entertained the fantastic idea that a coat of distemper and a lick of paint should also confer immunity from rent control. That, however, is the effect of the Bill, in its present form. Similarly with the provisions for revision of standard rent to levels in excess of the December, 1941, figure in certain circumstances. Towards the end of 1941, the Colony's worst type of landlord seized upon the occasion of the lifting of rent restrictions to demand increases in rent, in some cases as much as fifty per cent. The proposal now, apparently, is to take the worst example of landlord opportunism as the norm, and to invite landlords who did not then join in the scramble to fall into line. Here again the committee's expressed views on this issue, if we interpret it correctly, had a totally different objective. Between the evacuation of women and children from Hong Kong in July 1940 and December 1941, the owners of much of the Colony's better-class property voluntarily reduced their rents partly to enable grass-widower husbands to maintain their establishments, but primarily to be assured that their property remained in dependable hands and would be properly looked after. It is only equitable that such landlords should be allowed to restore their rentals to their former level, and such was the main purpose of the special committee's recommendations on this point. The adoption of the December 1941 rent as the standard is objectionable therefore on two grounds, it condones sharp practices, and it penalizes the more considerate landlord, whose only remedy lies in the laborious four-to-five months' procedure of the Tenancy Tribunal. This could have been obviated by a stroke of the pen, by making the standard rate that as of July 1937. Both these points call for re-examination before the Bill passes all stages in Council. Quite obviously, under present-day conditions, no expenditure of less than \$10,000 can properly

Basic Socialism Regulates
Britain's Postwar Food Policy

ORGANISED PLANNING

By Dr. GEORGE
GRETTON

The decision to revise the cost of living index in Britain will mean a clearer overall picture of the real value of incomes. It has long been pointed out that this index is out of date, since it relates to the average expenditure of working class families as long ago as 1904. Shortly before the second world war work was started on compiling a new index based on the spending habits of families in Britain at the time, but the war interrupted this project. Now it is being resumed and the result will be a new index offering comparison between contemporary values and pre-war values.

At the same time, the new index will not be in its essentials any more accurate than the old one: it will simply take a wider range of spending into account. The old index was based primarily on absolute necessities such as food and rent, for it goes back to the time when working class families spent on an average less than four shillings a week on goods outside the range of real essentials. By 1937 the equivalent figure was almost 30 shillings a week and today it is considerably higher. At the same time, the fact that the old cost of living index was based so emphatically on necessities has made it a useful guide to the pegging of essential cost of living during past years of austerity. It is a fact that in Britain—as perhaps in no other country in the world today—lower income groups enjoy a higher standard of nutrition than before the war, although the richer classes are relatively less well fed. This is due not to any cost of living index which merely measures purchasing power but to the food policy pursued during and since the war.

Organised Planning

During the war—and especially in the last period when Britain was alone in the frontline against the Nazi and Fascist aggressors—the food supplies of the United Kingdom were a decisive factor. Their failure could have meant the end of the war. That they did not fail was due to an intricate and highly organized system of planning which has also proved immensely valuable in the critical period of reconstruction since the war.

100 Years
Ago Today

(Excerpts from the files of The China Mail of April 12, 1847)

Foreigners in South China are in a future over an attack by an alleged gang of Chinese against six Englishmen in Canton. Writes one correspondent:

"We have mentioned that four wretches had been executed in the village of Hwang-chu-keo, said to have been the murderers of our countrymen."

"According to the Chinese notion of justice these four lives and those of the two killed in their attack on the six Englishmen is full compensation for the cold blooded murders."

"Every man with a British heart will scout the idea of six guilty criminals being equivalent to six innocent men."

"The measures which the British government will take are of course conjectural. A war, however, appears unavoidable."

"If war with China is inevitable, no power ever had a better cause than England now has; whatever may be the result, the responsibility rests solely with China."

Tea.—The market has been inactive from various causes. The reports from Europe are discouraging and the political state of affairs from this quarter deters prudent men from extending their operations.

Silk.—Taslee of an interior description is held at \$450 and no buyers.

Opium.—New Patna is offering freely at \$500 but there are no buyers, we look for low rates on the arrival of the 2nd sales; \$450 probably.

ly, quality as "extensive repairs," and there can be no sound warrant for conferring premiums to the rapacious. What is justified and provided for, in the Bill is quite enough to disturb the Colony's economic equilibrium. The basic increase authorised will cause damage enough without the gratuitous addition of new scope for exploitation.

In the first instance this system was necessary to ensure supplies without undue use of shipping space. By strict rationing, by expansion of home production and by skilful manipulation of all resources, imports of food were reduced enormously—from two-thirds of total consumption to less than one-third. At the same time, by planning the national diet and allotting priorities where they were needed, it was possible to raise the average standard of nourishment of the population as a whole.

Full Rations For All

As an example, imports of bulky animal grain fodder were reduced by 98 per cent, while imports of oils, fats and oil-seeds were increased by about 22 per cent. This saved some 4,500,000 tons of shipping space annually and sacrificed only about half the food value derived from these sources. The calories thus lost were replaced by increased home production of grain, potatoes and milk, achieved by expansion of the area of cultivation combined with increased mechanization of agriculture.

The most effective rationing system in the world ensured fair

INKBRUSH
WAR IN
PEIPING

In Peiping if you want to sound off on your political views you don't write a letter to your favourite newspaper—you plaster up a slogan on the nearest wall.

The newspapers are all government-backed or dominated and are cramped for space. But the walls, out of courtesy of the Mings and the Manchus and still earlier builders of this former capital, will get your message across to everyone in the foreign diplomat in his ricksha to the farmer driving his donkey into town.

Signs and resolutions pasted and chalked up in and around the main thoroughfares record the issues that in recent months have stirred this cultural center of North China, much in the same way as rock layers of different periods tell a story to the geologist.

In and outside the famed Yenching University you will find a veritable ink-brush war being waged by students of opposite political views.

Here, in fact, the slogans have developed into little wall-newspapers. Subject of the current controversy is Russia's demand that the China issue be discussed at the Moscow Foreign Ministers' conference—a proposal that touched off anti-Russian youth demonstrations reportedly organized by the Kuomintang.

Since then, however, another—and smaller—group claiming to represent the liberal wing of China's volatile student element came out with an opposite view. These students said they would welcome tripartite discussion of China as helping to solve the country's internal problems.

Favourite Wall

Their favourite wall today bears articles belabouring the "Anti-Foreign Intervention" students for their "isolationism." One homily, penned in treacherous Mandarin, says: "You listen to no advice—you're just trying to hold on to the legs of your American duddy."

Another correspondent winds up an irate lecture with: "I tell you, you Kuomintang secret service men, you are the real Chinese traitors!"

A neighbouring wall is quick with a rebuttal: "You Yalta Communists. When are you giving back Dairen?"

Slightly more faded, and therefore earlier in date, are slogans in English like, "Moscow the National Robber!" and "Down with U.S.S.R." Semi-oblivated by the dust-laden wind that swirls in from the high Gobi desert are anti-American slogans "plastered around the city during the demonstrations that followed the rape of a Chinese girl by an American Marine on the Race Course in Dec. 1946."

distribution, the scientifically planned addition of vitamins ensured full nutrition for health, and price control enabled even the poorest classes to buy all their rations. No people has worked harder than the British during the past seven years, yet the standard of national health is probably higher than ever before. This is because not merely the well-to-do but, literally, all income groups received the full rations.

There are many countries today which have rationing schemes which do not function properly simply because the price structure prevents the poorer classes from buying their rations. Hungry people sell their food coupons and ragged people sell their clothing coupons. Although Britain, through the drastic switch-over from consumer goods production to war production, has had to meet heavy and sustained inflationary pressure—even today there is a gap of £100,000,000 between personal incomes and available consumption goods—essential cost of living throughout has been firmly pegged.

Subsidies Out Of
Taxation

The Government is, of course, able to control also imports of foodstuffs while prices of major agricultural products at home are fixed by the Ministry of Agriculture in consultation with the Ministry of Food. They are so fixed as to guarantee the farmer a fair price and to encourage the production of crops and products required in the national interest. Retail prices are fixed very close to pre-war levels and these low prices are made possible by Government subsidies which also scale down high and variable world prices for the British consumer. In effect the wealthier classes help to pay for the necessities of the poorer classes by these subsidies amounting at present to almost £400,000,000 a year financed out of taxation.

Under the new budget these subsidies may be reconsidered since there is a limit above which they must not be allowed to rise. But as long as they are a necessity to guarantee cheap food they will certainly continue in some form. It is the policy of the British Government to check inflation and to ensure that no one—man, woman or child—shall fall below a tolerable minimum standard of living. While food supplies are limited they will certainly continue to be regulated by this food policy which may be defined as one of basic Socialism.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay
"The Authority on Authorities"A RULE TO BE
BROKEN

Taking one of the top honours on the first round and finishing against the queen on the second is a good rule of play, when you have the A-K-J of a suit. This procedure protects you against a singleton queen in the hand of the opponent who plays last. But that very sound rule of play is also a rule occasionally to be broken. Following it may necessitate premature removal of entries from the hand opposite the combination and thereby hampering some other vital part of the playing plan.

S. 5 3

H. A 7 4

D. A 8 3

C. A 7 2

S. Q 8 7

H. Q 2

D. K Q J 9 2

C. 10 5 4

N

W

S

S. A K J 0 4

H. 8 8 3

D. 7 4

C. K Q 3

(Dealer: South. Both sides vul-

nerable.)

South.

West

North

East

1 S Pass 2 J Pass

2 S Pass 3 C Pass

3 S Pass 4 S Pass

That third bid of spades—nor-

mally indicating a six-card suit—

was made, at both tables, of a

team game.

South was a spade game declarer

in each case. Also both declarers

proceeded to get set on their

rubbish game, by slightly differ-

ent methods, but in each case be-

cause they followed the rule of

necessity on the second round of

trumps, when it should have been

violated.

CARNIVAL

By Dick-Turner



"Oh, come now, Baxter! Aren't you even going to try for the check?"

Nature Lays Kindly
Hand On London

London, Apr. 10. Although this winter of our discontent is not yet due to be made glorious summer, we who, surprisingly enough, still retain some of our childhood's simple faith in the printed word, know from our newspapers and our almanacs that Spring is here.

The time of the singing of birds seems not to have come and certainly the voice of the turtle is not yet heard in our land; moreover our weather prophets are without honour in their own country. They have for so many weeks and on no many occasions let us down, by promising thaws and giving us frosts, that we are not any longer easily gulled. Nevertheless faith helps us to believe what is not proved and even the most sceptical of us have to admit, while muttering "without prejudice" into our overcoat collars, that when winter goes Spring cannot be far behind.

Less Cold

However, it is certainly less cold, and although the sky is not bright above and the earth is not red nor rose, optimistic florists are beginning to urge us to "say it with flowers." You know the sort of things—saying all one feels and thinks in clever daffodils and "Pinks" in puns of tulips and in phrases—charming for "their truth—of daisies."

It is a belief common among strangers and people from the provinces that London is a treeless and flowerless wilderness of bricks and slates and paving stones, whereas the truth is that the metropolis can show more trees and far more flowers, both in shops and gardens, square mile for square mile, than can any other town in the whole country. The wonder to Londoners (those who wonder at all and don't take everything for granted) is where the flowers come from.

Even at the present time and despite the sustained malignity of the weather, flowers of every hue, and some of other climes, can be bought almost anywhere in London. That is so not only in the swagger florists' shops of the West End where prices don't worry the purchasers, but from stalls and barrows of street sellers which are heaped high with colour.

Flowers Blaze

During the past week or so, while vegetables have been famine-stricken, to the general public, flowers seem to have taken their place—and filled the public eye but not its stomach. Even in the course of two or three days a herb-stall which usually deals only in the humblest of the earth's changed its stock from potatoes to pine apples. When the public had consumed these at prices ranging from five shillings to 12 shillings and six pence a go (price seemed to depend on what the traffic would bear) the stall blazed with flowers of all the colours of the rainbow.

Provided the sun, the moon and the stars cease soon to fight in their courses against us, we may expect to see a great change in London's outward appearance within the next few weeks.

Despite the long-continued labours of scores of thousands of building workers, London still exhibits wounds of war. Hundreds of such remain. Some of the bombed sites have been roughly tidied up and fenced until a day of restoration shall come. There are many other such sites which have had perforce to remain untouched just as the blitz left them. On all these places nature in the Spring lays a kindly hand.

Coat Of Many Colours

We remember that after the explosions of bombs dust used to settle thickly on surrounding and more distant areas. It may well be that this dust carried from near and far the seeds of disturbed vegetation. It may be that the wind played its part and also that the birds of the air were the carriers.

Whatever may be the explanation, in every succeeding Spring, nature has woven and laid on land covered with buildings for centuries a coat of many colours.

On many of the sites, even in the heart of the city of London, and within a stone's throw of St. Paul's Cathedral, and where no flower has bloomed for centuries, there are to be found growing strangely and peacefully together 40 or 50 varieties of flowers, some wild, some garden, and some by no means common, which must have been brought by whatever agency—from far away—so we Londoners may hope soon to be able to watch and sing of the flowers that bloom in the Spring.—United Press.

Tomorrow's Problem

S. 3

H. 10 9 8

D. K 10 9 6

C. 10 9 4 3

S. Q 8 7

H. A 2

D. A J 10

C. A Q J 7

S. A K Q 0

H. K Q 7 5

D. Q 5 3

C. K 5

(Dealer: South. Both sides vul-

nerable.)

What is the best action by East

if West and North pass South's

1-Spade?

Turning Point In British Imperial Defence Policy Work Of Monty's New Talks

Camberley, Apr. 10. Some military observers believe that the turning point in Britain's overall defence policy and integration of Imperial defence will be achieved at the conference of senior commanders of the three fighting Services which will be held at the Imperial Staff College here next month, under the chairmanship of Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

Ireland Suffers With U.K.

London, Apr. 10. Efforts by the Eire Government to get a larger allocation of coal from Britain have now been abandoned, it was learned here today.

The grim prospect of an indefinite period—undoubtedly for some years—of acute fuel shortage thus faces southern Ireland.

This development is the most striking evidence yet given of Eire's complete dependence upon Britain in the economic field. The result is that because Britain is suffering a coal and industrial crisis, Eire must do likewise.

It was in 1938 that Eire tied her coal imports to Britain, contracting to get all her coal here. At that time it amounted to 50,000 tons a week. In 1946 that figure was cut to 25,000 tons. Now it is 11,000, with no prospect of betterment.

Moreover, the quality of coal has gone down sharply. The Irish High Commissioner's office here has presented a report showing that the quality has gone down one-fifth from pre-war times. Thus, effectively Eire is getting less than a fifth of coal from Britain than she got before the war.

It is generally recognised, however, that the British are being fair with Eire and giving her as much coal as can possibly be spared in the present grave coal crisis.—Reuter.

At the request of DS1 Shaw, Hung Man-fong, 24, was remanded 72 hours in police custody for enquiries by Mr. Sainsbury at Central yesterday when he appeared on a charge of uttering a letter to demand \$2,000 with menaces from Liu Hui-ching, of the Tai Yai Lau Tea-house, on April 7.

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SCHOOL FOR HERMAPHRODITES

London, Apr. 10. A medical authority on hermaphrodites, who recently advised that when a child's sex could not be fully determined the child should be brought up as a male and sent to a boys' school, prompted an anecdote in this week's "British Medical Journal."

An African student in Uganda, pressed by his chamberlain as to what school should be chosen for such cases, replied: "Sir, I would send it to a mixed school."

Somebody Talked Too Soon

Berlin, Apr. 10. News of the Big Four powers' clean-up in Berlin should have been kept secret until it was over to prevent someone "really important" slipping through the net, British Military Government officials stated here tonight when commenting on the all-city drive against war criminals, black marketeers, deserters and other persons on the "wanted" list.

Inquiries, they said, were being made into what officials described as premature release of details of operations. The United States Deputy Military Governor, Major-General Frank Keating, disclosed details soon after the raid began last night.

Up to midday today, 300 suspects had been detained in the British sector and about 80 in the American sector in the joint swoop.

British official sources told British correspondents that there was an Allied agreement that when the manhunt plans were drawn up there would be no official statement to the press until the raid was completed and the result assessed.

They said that special efforts were made to keep the Allied plan secret, and the German police headquarters were informed that their cooperation was required later yesterday afternoon to avoid a repetition of what happened last January when a similar comb-out was cancelled after a leakage.

U.S. Blew Gaff? Major-General N.C.D. Brown, British Deputy Chief of Staff (Political), was tonight inquiring into the circumstances of the American statement, it was understood. Soviet and French official sources were silent.

Most of the suspects detained in the British sector, it is learned, seemed to be people whose identification papers were not in order.

Burglaries in Berlin have recently averaged 250 a night, and a British announcement said that the operation was planned after the Berlin four-power Commandantura had discussed "problems of combating crime and lawlessness in the city, with special reference to the difficulties caused by the sector boundaries."—Reuter.

Madagascar Fighting Continues

Antananarivo, Apr. 10. The French defences at Farafangana, a coastal town 270 miles south of the capital of Antananarivo, and at Tamatave, 150 miles northeast of the capital, beat off attacks by Madagascarans today with considerable losses to the attackers, a semi-official French report said.

At Majunga, 250 miles north of the capital, calm has been restored after fighting earlier this week.

French national police investigating the uprisings said that they had discovered documents which incriminated a number of Madagascar civil servants. The civil servants had been arrested and had confessed, it was stated.—Reuter.

Chinese Stores Looted Nanking, Apr. 10. A Foreign Office source disclosed today that Chinese stores on the French island of Madagascar, were looted and set afire by the natives during April 2 in an uprising but the Chinese residents were all safe.

It said the Chinese Consul sent a protest to the French Governor demanding protection of Chinese residents throughout the island.—United Press.

YOUR ATOM BOMB FEARS ARE UNNECESSARY, SAYS SCIENTIST

(By Howard W. Blakeslee)

New York, Apr. 11. The talk about atomic bombs thousands of times more powerful than those hitherto used is discounted by most specialists, says Dr. Philip Morrison, one of America's foremost atomic scientists, in the "New Republic Magazine."

"That the possibility exists," he says, "is certainly true; that any realization of it is at hand seems most unlikely."

Dr. Morrison disclosed numerous atomic power details in more understandable ways than heretofore told. He says that a power plant might be made with a piece of plutonium no bigger than your hand.

Such a plant, he explains, is at the extreme limit of safety. It is something that would easily explode if control were lost. It is about the minimum size of a piece of plutonium that would make a real bomb.

But, he says, this little mass, if properly cooled, could generate thousands of horsepower. Presumably the heat would make steam, to drive machinery or to generate electricity.

But there is still no chance of using this little piece of plutonium to drive an automobile or a plane, because at least 50 tons of shielding would have to be used to shut off its radioactive rays.

British Might Profit Britain, he suggests, might profit by atomic energy. About 20 pounds of uranium or plutonium per day would supply all of Britain's present electric power. Two or three pounds a day could supply all the power of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Morrison says that a labour drop at one of the plants for making Uranium 235 at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, probably indicates that nearly all of this kind of uranium in the United States is now produced by a single plant. Originally there were two big producers.

The labour drop is at the electro-magnetic plant. That leaves the uranium to be produced mostly in the gaseous diffusion plant, the giant of all the Oak Ridge factories, where the barriers straining uranium gas are 7,000 miles long. If placed end to end.

Helium Gas Used The Morrison report also says that in the atomic power pilot plant now being built at Oak Ridge, helium gas is likely to be the material that will carry the heat from the uranium even to the steam boiler.

He says that at Hanford, Washington, the plutonium plants raise the temperature of the Columbia River by several degrees. Previous figures usually have been a fraction of a degree.

These Hanford atomic ovens, piles of graphite with holes for receiving uranium metals, he says, resemble huge linker toys.—Associated Press.

REFUGEE CAMPS IN ITALY London, Apr. 10. Refugee camps in Italy which have so far been controlled by the Allied Commission are to pass to the control of the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees on May 1, it was authoritatively stated here today.

This move affects about 12,000 refugees of different nationalities, mainly Yugoslavs and Ukrainians.

It is expected that the Inter-Governmental Committee will shoulder this task for an interim period only, until the proposed International Refugee Organisation, a United Nations body, comes into being.—Reuter.

Reparations Ought To Be Trimmed

Cairo, Apr. 10. The Inter-Parliamentary Congress proposed in two amendments and a resolution today that German reparations be trimmed to fit Germany's ability to pay and that all members of the United Nations open their doors to refugees "within reasonable limits of their capacity."

A British amendment on war reparations-cut was supported by the United States and a majority of the other delegations except the Italian countries which opposed it.

The Congress also voted in favour of an Egyptian amendment that victims of Nazi aggression should be entitled to appropriate all possessions in their territory "belonging to an aggressor state or its nationals."

It is believed the Egyptian amendment is aimed at enabling Egypt to appropriate large Italian holdings in this country to repay damage inflicted on Egyptian cities by Italian bombers.

The Congress passed a resolution on migration and the transfer of populations. The resolution stated migrations must be handled by an international court which should be set up immediately, and members of the United Nations, besides opening their doors, should provide the refugees with technical training.

The resolution stressed that "racial and religious prejudice" must not enter into any migration plan.—United Press.

COUNTESS ROBBED

London, Apr. 11. A Mink coat and \$1,500 worth of jewels were stolen on Wednesday night from the home of Barbara, Countess of Morny, the police reported Thursday.

The countess is the widow of the 18th Earl of Morny and daughter of J. Archibald Murray of New York.—Associated Press.

France And Illegal Sailings

Paris, Apr. 10. At a press conference today, Premier Paul Ramadier told newsmen no sailings of illegal Jewish immigrants had ever been authorized by France.

He repeated what had been said by the British Embassy spokesman—that the British Foreign Secretary had not directly requested any ban on such sailings.

"The government has never authorized clandestine embarkments, neither of Jews nor any one else," M. Ramadier said. "We have not bothered to furnish assurances regarding this subject to the British Government, which as a matter of fact has not asked for such assurances but which simply has pointed out the possibility of such frauds necessitating on our part special vigilance."

"Evidently, the situation of these unfortunate people who seek refuge in the world often brings them to the use of illegal means. So far as we are concerned, however, we can do nothing but apply the law."—United Press.

Jerusalem Ceremony

Jerusalem, Apr. 10. As the bells of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre pealed a thunderous rhythm in the generous sunlight, the Greek Orthodox Patriarch entered the garden of the Orthodox Convent of Jerusalem to celebrate high mass and the ceremony of feet washing.

Jerusalem's old city was one of few places in Palestine free of barbed wire emplacements and the atmosphere of strife, intrigue and political gossip.

The intricate system of courtyards, fences and stairways connecting the roofs was crowded with uniformed worshippers. Mounting a blue-white patterned carpet to a platform in the centre of the garden, the patriarch sat while at his feet a gilded silver over basin and other vessels were prepared for the ceremony.

After the opening service, the patriarch, kneeling before each of the 12 priests who sat on both sides of the platform, poured water over their feet. Sacks of earth were dipped into the water later by men, women and children, thus acquiring sacred qualities.—United Press.

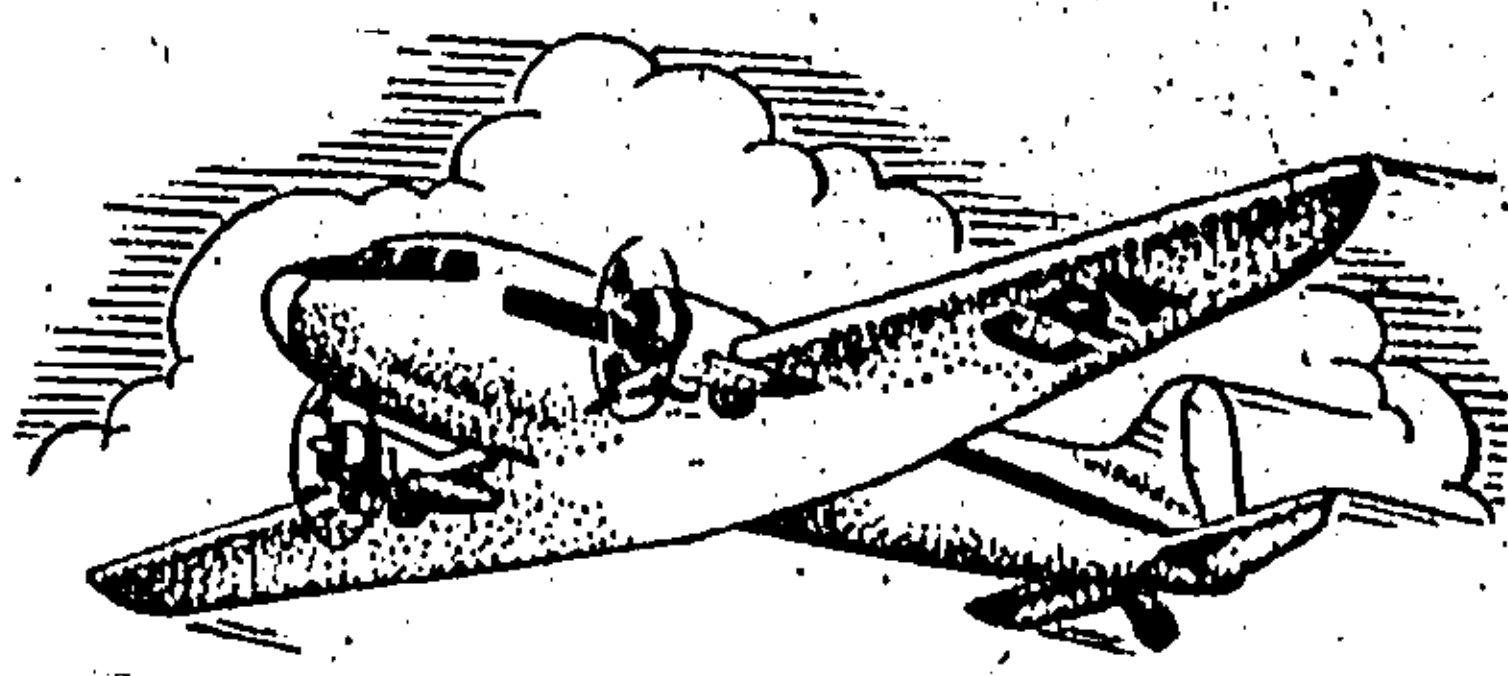
New Port In Africa

Dar-es-Salaam, Apr. 10. A new deep-water port capable of sheltering an unlimited number of large ships is to be built on a lonely lagoon in southern Tanganyika to provide an outlet for the produce of the main British Government scheme for developing peanut plantations supplying thousands of tons of oil to Britain.

The scheme, announced here today, includes the building of one hundred miles of railway and a total expenditure of nearly \$4,000,000.

The site of the new scheme is a perfect natural harbour with a thirteen-fathom channel and other advantages believed to be unique on the whole coast of East Africa.

Named Mto Mtwara, it lies at the southeast of Mikindani Bay, about 25 miles from the frontier with Portuguese territory.—Reuter.



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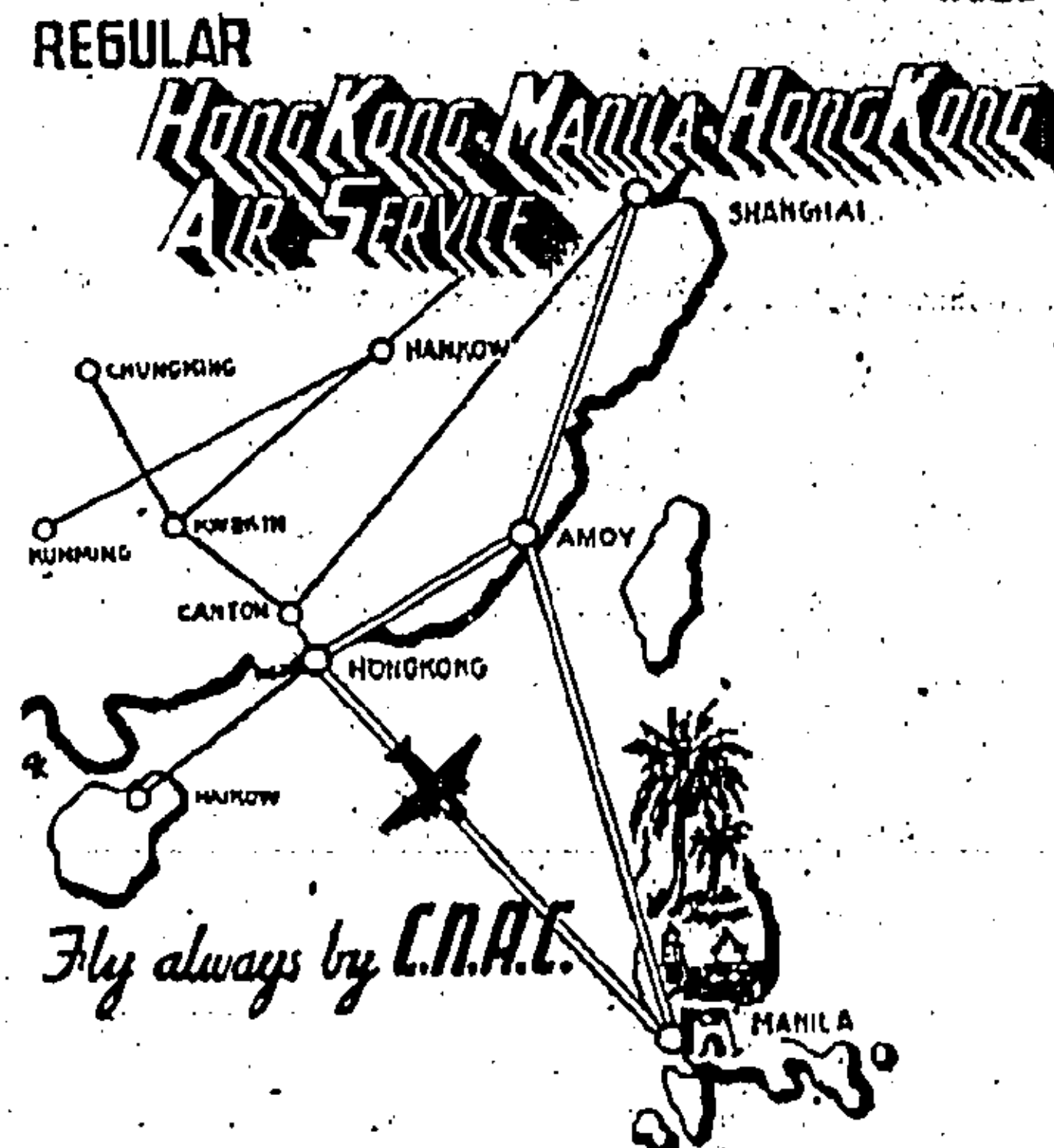
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"SINKIANG"	Nagoya 4 p.m. 21st Apr.
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UNANIMOUS VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY

Mak Kin, who was charged with forgery in respect of a bill of sale of a motor vehicle, was yesterday unanimously found not guilty by a jury and discharged.

It was alleged by the Crown that Mak Kin had claimed back a motor car from the Custodian of Property by forging a document in the name of Lip Hing Chun and then mortgaging it for \$15,000 under Lip's name.

The case was heard before Mr. Justice Gould.

Mr. A. Lonsdale, assisted by Mr. F. H. Loseby, appeared for the Crown. Accused was represented by Mr. C. E. Loseby, instructed by Mr. A. S. C. Comber.

Kwong Lip Hung, Managing Partner of the Oriental Transportation Co., said that while sitting at his desk some time in November 1946, the accused, Mak Kin, came and asked him for the key of the safe. Kwong said that he did not hand the key over to accused, but opened the safe himself.

Accused took out a bundle of papers, which were wrapped up. The bundle of papers was handed over to a woman, who then left the office. Kwong said that accused had previously told him that the bundle contained insurance policies.

In reply to Mr. Lonsdale, Kwong said that he was able to remember this incident because it was some two months after he had commenced to take an active part in the business of the Oriental Transportation Co., and one month before the removal of the Company to Nelson Street.

Another S'hai Fire

Shanghai, Apr. 11. Four were killed in the eighth fire within 48 hours when a truck, on which a load of movie films flared up in flames, veered into a small restaurant, starting a conflagration gutting 30 brick houses and 400 huts. Over 3,000 were rendered homeless.

All casualties occurred in the restaurant, the exit of which was blocked by the flaming truck. Four others were injured. The casualties would have been heavier if the accident had occurred during rush hours.

Meanwhile the city police disclosed the arrest of four boys each of whom found in the possession of small bottle of petrol. The police said they confessed that they were instigated by Communists to engage incendiary activities.—United Press.

Mv. 'Hickory Brooks' Officers Charged

An allegation that he did not instruct his solicitor, Mr. J. T. Prior, to plead guilty to the charge of larceny or to ask for clemency on March 25, was made by Hui Wai-man, tailor, during his cross-examination by Mr. Marcus da Silva at the continued hearing yesterday of the case against five European members of the crew of m/v "Hickory Brooks."

Hui was originally charged with conspiracy to steal, larceny of, and receiving, six drums of lubricating oil and five cylinders of Freon gas, the property of the Admiralty. On his pleading guilty, through his solicitor, to the first count the other charges were withdrawn by the Police.

At the close of the Crown case yesterday, Hui appeared before Mr. W. H. Latimer for confirmation of the conviction registered against him on March 25, and was fined \$250. He was further ordered to enter into a bond of \$500 (to be of good behaviour for six months). Giving evidence for the Crown, Hui stated that he carried on the business of a tailor in the cockpit of 92 Gloucester Road, and had been in Hong Kong for 12 years. He first made the acquaintance of Blair and then of Donald, Manners, Calvert and Mander, when he became their tailor.

Not Enough

Referring to the actual deal, he said that he was asked by Calvert to take the oil and gas away although he stated that he did not have sufficient money on him. The price agreed upon was \$1,800 and he had only \$1,000.

Replying to Mr. Silva, witness stated that the money for the goods was given to him by a friend named Leung, whose

MOUNTAINS OF MOURNE

Belfast, Apr. 10. The Mountains of Mourne, famed in song all over the world, are listed as a national park in a report issued by the Northern Ireland Planning Committee today.

Other famous Ulster landmarks to be made parks and nature reserves are the County Antrim coast, the Giant's Causeway, the glens of Antrim, upper and lower Lough Erne and the Sperrin Mountains in County Tyrone.—Reuter.

No Option Next Time

Wong Yee, 26, a self-confessed opium smuggler dressed in stylish foreign-style clothing, was warned by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kewloon yesterday to warn his people to be more careful with the next man they send down as he might not be given the option of a fine.

Pleading guilty to the charge of possession of 48 taels of raw opium at the K.C.R. Station at 12.30 p.m. on April 3, Mr. Marcus da Silva, who appeared for the accused, asked for leniency for Wong, and stated that his client had confessed to him that he (Wong) was tempted by the offer of money to carry the opium.

According to RO Fowler, prosecuting, defendant was stopped by C.R.O. 59 when he got off the train from Canton and, in the course of a routine search, was asked what was concealed under his jacket. He frankly admitted "Opium." Accused was brought before him, said RO Fowler, and the opium was found in a specially made jacket around his waist. He told the prosecuting officer that he brought the narcotic to Hong Kong to sell to his "contacts," and frankly admitted that he knew it was an offence to bring opium into the Colony.

A fine of \$2,500, or four months' hard labour in default, was imposed.

Red Tape Snarls Aid Plan

The Bedford, N.Y. Apr. 11. The Bedford, New York, Town Board has firmly dissociated itself from efforts by a group of local citizens to come to the aid of flood-damaged Bedford in England.

Mrs. Alfred Roelker, Secretary of the Bedford Historical Society, asked the Board to give the campaign official recognition; but Edward P. Barrett, the chairman of the board replied: "The Board has no power to appoint civil committees. If we did do so, we would have to assume responsibility for their acts and we have no statutory right to do so."—Associated Press.

April 15. Accused are Vivian Peter Donald, 37, second engineer; Robert Manners, 34, fourth engineer; James Alan Calvert, 23, third engineer; Donald Ferrery Mander, 23, second officer; and Robert Victor Blair, 28, electrical engineer.

STRUGGLE OVER CHILD IN COURT

An incident between two women over the custody of a child and a third party—court officials—following a Magistrate's decision, was witnessed in Mr. Sheldon's Court at Central yesterday afternoon.

Apparently aggrieved by the Magistrate's judgment that the return of the four-year-old boy to the lady's natural mother, Lee Yuen-tai, resisted and refused to comply with His Worship's order when Lam Yin, widow, went up and tried to take the child from her.

The Court constable and clerk attempted to pacify the aggrieved woman and, after a struggle, she alleged the clerk assaulted her. Her husband, Chiu Luk-hin, rice dealer, of No. 40, Cross Street, who was next to her on the spectators' bench, joined in the struggle with the Court clerk and constable.

Court Inspectors Brownrigg and Mason were summoned and, with the assistance of CSI Wu, took the couple into the charge room of Central Police Station, where they were later charged with common assault of Mr. Cheung, Court clerk. The couple will appear before Mr. Sainsbury this morning on charges of common assault.

The incident was a sequel to an unusual comment issued by Lam Yin, widow, of No. 26, Kennedy Road, who sought an order against Chiu and his wife for the return of a four-year-old child to her custody. Mr. J. M. d'Almeida Remedios represented the couple, while Lam was not legally represented. At the previous hearing, Lam said she entrusted the child to the care of the couple in June, 1945, following the killing of her husband in an Allied bombing in Wanchai in 1944. She denied having entered into any agreement with defendants for their

adoption of the child, though she admitted receiving 200 yen as "pocket money" from them at that time. When she returned to Hong Kong after the liberation, defendants refused to give back the child. Defendants claimed they adopted the child who was virtually abandoned by the widow at their doorstep in June, 1945. At yesterday's resumed hearing, Yau Wui-ho, who was called as a defense witness, said he was a lawyer having been in practice in Canton for the last 13 years and was well versed in Chinese law. According to Chinese Law, witness said, the adoption of a minor would be legal without any document so long as the child's adoption was made known in a ceremony in the ancestral hall. After his evidence, Mr. Remedios submitted that he had proved his case the adoption of the child by defendant was complete according to Chinese law and customs. Mr. Remedios quoted Capt. Elliott's proclamation on behalf of Queen Victoria that all Chinese laws, customs and traditions at the time of the taking-over of Hong Kong would be observed by the British administration. Giving judgment in favour of plaintiff, Mr. Sheldon said he was satisfied that plaintiff was able to support the child and that he was not satisfied that the adoption in question, was complete. After the Magistrate rose from the bench, the plaintiff went to defendant to take the child and the scuffle ensued.

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"Endeavours" Go To Inglorious End

Gosport, Apr. 10. The crash of the auctioneer's gavel sentenced two of Britain's most famous racing yachts to an inglorious end today. The tall, slender and graceful "Grand Old Ladies," veterans of many America's Cup races, "Endeavour I" and "Endeavour II," were sold piecemeal here at the port of their birth.

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINALS

The Open Doubles Tennis championship semi-final between Yip Koon-hong and Paul Kong and F. Kwok and Ho Ka-lau was very disappointing and resulted in the former pair reaching the final, to meet the Tsin brothers (holders). They won in straight sets with the score 6-3, 6-2. Yip Koon-hong, who is also in the final of the Open Singles, was easily the most outstanding player yesterday. He gave an all-round display and was particularly deadly with anything overhead. He was steady throughout and varied his play with good shots of all descriptions.

Past v. Present

The first post-war fixture for the traditional match between University 'Past' and 'Present' will be played tomorrow at the K.C.C. ground. Play will commence at 11 a.m. Formerly, the match was played on New Year's Day, but the lack of facilities in the University at present has caused this change.

The following will represent the two teams:—

'Past': C. W. Lam, J. Barrow, F. R. Zimmerman, F. I. Zimmerman, D. Hunt, K. Lo, Fenton, W. Hong Sling, J. L. Yung-say, E. A. Lee, T. E. Yeoh, G. Hong Choy.

'Present': S. A. Vannir, Lem, Thye Hin, L. T. Ride, E. O. Cook, A. H. Rumpham, T. Ts. Chin, Ng Jit Thye, J. C. Koh, Eric Ho, Thomas Lo, Lean Thye Chin, 12th man, Hans Amann, Scorer, L. Arnulphy.

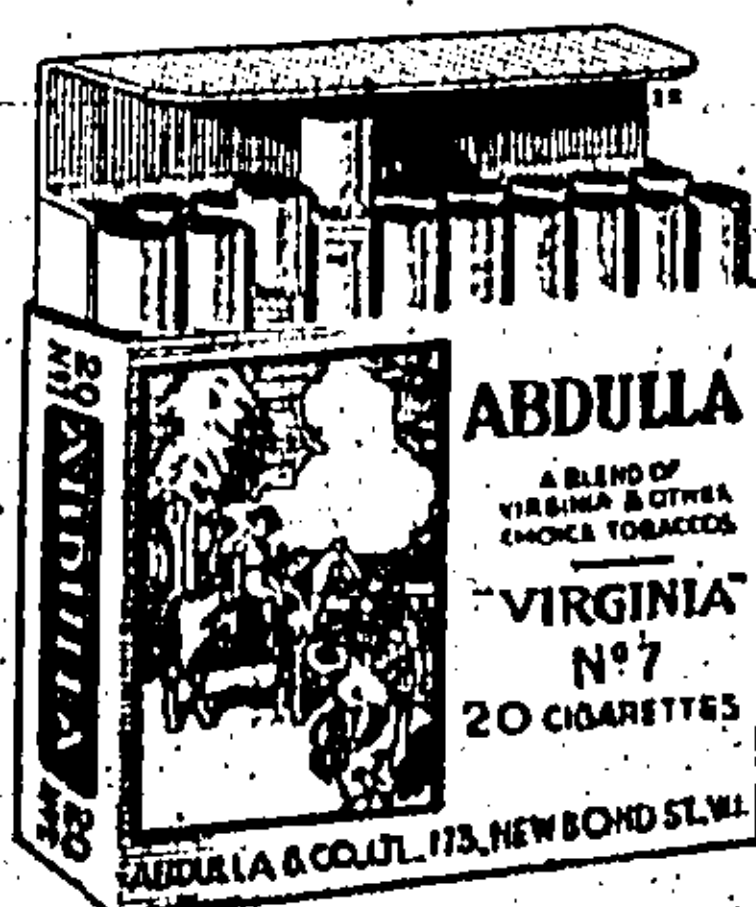
INTERNATIONAL TENNIS

Nice, Apr. 10. Gloria Butler and Lillian Lopez, both of New York City, were eliminated in the third round of the women's singles in the international tennis tournament here today.

Miss Butler, a favourite for the finals, was defeated by the comparatively unknown Jeanne Angibaut of France, 6-3, 6-2, and Miss Lopez was defeated by Luxembourg's Alice Weimers, 6-2, 6-4.—United Press.

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"Voice Of Berlin" Wants To Work

Nuernberg, Apr. 11. Hans Fritzsche, known during the war as the "Voice" of Radio Berlin, now complains he was cheated, (whereas once he said he was glad) when a de-nazification court sentenced him to nine years in a labour camp.

Admiral Turns Cassandra

New York, Apr. 11. Rear-admiral Ellis M. Zacharias, former deputy chief of the United States Navy Intelligence, predicts that should war come between the Western Bloc of nations and the Russian bloc, the Soviets in a matter of weeks would overrun all Western Europe.

The Admiral, on retirement, wrote in the April issue of the magazine, "United Nations World," that a new war could end only in disaster to humanity. Contrary to popular conception it would be the longest war in history.

He said the World War III would be one of unparalleled ruthlessness, utilising atomic bombs, rockets and bacteriological weapons.

The Admiral predicted that in the event of a war the United States would have ready to begin it 114,000,000 people with these allies: Britain, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, New Zealand, Canada, Egypt, Greece, Iran, Iraq, Colombia, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia and Turkey.

He said Britain, Argentina, Brazil, Egypt, New Zealand and the Philippines would have considerable unrest and Greece would have grave trouble.

He said the Soviet bloc would consist of Russia, Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Hungary and the Mongolian people, Poland, Rumania, Yugoslavia, a total of 293,000,000.

He said Czechoslovakia, Finland, Hungary, Poland, Rumania and Yugoslavia would experience considerable unrest, he predicted civil wars in China, France, Italy and Spain.—Associated Press.

No Change In Aussie Food Ration

Sydney, Apr. 11. The scale of food rationing in Australia is unlikely to be readjusted as part of a plan to assist Britain's food situation, J. B. Chifley, the Australian Prime Minister, indicated on Thursday night.

Chifley said that the best way for Australians to assist Britain was to economise in the use of coupons.

Food they denied themselves could be sent to Britain.

He said that the government was doing all it could "having regard for what we are doing for our own people."

He added: "We have never had any complaint from any official of the United Kingdom source that we are not doing all within our power."—Associated Press.

MOZAMBIQUE'S GIFT

London, Apr. 10. The Governor of Mozambique, Portuguese East Africa, has presented £1,000 from official funds to the Mayor of Johannesburg's relief fund for Britain's flood victims.

Large numbers of private contributions are also reported to have been made recently by Portuguese residents in Mozambique.—Reuter.

SHAI GOLD FOR H.K.

Shanghai, Apr. 11. The Shanghai Municipal Government and the Shanghai Customs have been instructed by the Ministry of Finance to forward effectively clearing the air of gold from Shanghai to Hong Kong.

The outflow of gold has been precipitated by the much higher quotations in Hong Kong than the official price here. The clearing operation, mostly organized by unscrupulous merchants, has been closely guarded as their activities have been mounting recently.—Central News.

California Cotton Enquiry

Washington, Apr. 11. Senator Downey, Democrat of California, asked the U.S. War Department today to preserve the historical ratio of California cotton textile mills in occupied Germany and Japan.

Downey said the U.S. Army proposed to buy large quantities of cotton in Brazil and India to get textile mills going in occupied nations.

He told a reporter that A. L. Fourchey, president of the California Cotton Growers Association, had wired a protest against the use of government funds to purchase foreign cottons when the same American growths are available.

Fourchey said that before the war Japan in particular purchased mainly California growth short staple cotton.

"We need these markets for the future and should not encourage them to use other cottons," he said.

Downey said he was advised the foreign purchase is under consideration because American cotton will not be harvested until the autumn.

The War Department wants to get mills abroad into production as rapidly as possible. The Senator said he will insist upon protection of the normal market ratio abroad for California cotton.—Associated Press.

British Interests In Yugoslavia

Belgrade, Apr. 10. The Government of Yugoslavia has sent a note to the British Government agreeing to a commission of representatives of British properties in Yugoslavia coming to Belgrade for discussions on compensation.

Yugoslavia's previous attitude was that such discussions were unnecessary as the nationalization law passed last December already provided for compensation.

British interests include the big lead and zinc mines in southern Serbia, and some oil refineries and textile mills.

The Yugoslav note, which British officials term "friendly," removes an old source of grievance in Anglo-Yugoslav economic relations.—Reuter.

RIOT IN MADRID

Madrid, Apr. 11. Monarchist and Falange youths exchanged blows for 25 minutes on Thursday in the Castile Avenue with the Monarchists shouting: "Long live the King!" and the Falangists crying: "Francisco!"

Squads of police intervened and the demonstrators fled.—Associated Press.

STRICTLY AMATEUR

Belfast, Apr. 10. Strictly amateur is the outlook of Andrew Smyth, who has been appointed referee in the fight between Bruce Woodcock, British heavyweight champion, and Joe Bakal, American contender for world honours, in London on April 15.

Smyth always nominates a charity to receive his fees.

"It may be a big professional fight, but even I am still an amateur," he declared tonight.—Reuter.

Salisbury, Apr. 10. Flexton, colt by Hyperion out of Silver Birch, won the New Greenham Stakes for three-year-olds over one mile here today.

Flexton, who engaged in the Two Thousand Guineas and Derby, won easily by four lengths from the odds-on favourite, Kingsclere, with Frisky Furze third out of seven runners.—Reuter.

Smell Next Thing In Ads.

Norman, Oklahoma, Apr. 11. The next thing in advertising, says Dr. Ralph Blenfang, professor of pharmacy at the University of Oklahoma, is smell. Colour advertising was the last step in attracting customers. Already, he says, perfumes have been used in advertising. What is seen ahead are printed pictures from which will arise the aroma of the food products they depict—beefsteak, coffee, bread and other good-to-eat things!

"It is not impossible to duplicate any food odour," Dr. Blenfang says. "For example, there are certain physical limitations, but I bet I could whip up a chili (seasoned tomato sauce) odour that would have you reaching for a cracker and a spoon."

"You could have a blotter in the form of a bowl. If a person held it in his hands for a few seconds, he not only would have the chili smell, but the heat and moisture which go with such a dish."

Dr. Blenfang, considered one of the world's foremost authorities on odours, already is working on his first commercial assignment of that kind—an order from a San Diego, California, restaurant who wants the pictures of his meat courses on his advertising blotters to smell just like real dishes.

Human Odours

The odour expert just has completed work on human odours for experimental use as a deer repellent. Several Eastern States, complaining of deer that destroy farm crops, have requested the repellent.

"I have made two entirely different human odours. But you must remember, the human odour is so subtle you have to go beyond it. I tried to add something indicative of human habitation—the smells of soap and over-fried grease."—Associated Press.

Dakota Crash In Scotland

Dalry, Scotland, Apr. 10. A "Dakota" airliner, believed to belong to the Belgian airlines Sabena, crashed in the Garloway hills this afternoon, killing all occupants—believed to number five or six.

The plane was part of a flight of three being ferried from Brussels to Prestwick for overhaul.

A gamekeeper at the lodge of Sir John Wood heard the crash and searched the mountain until he found the burned out wreckage and bodies. He said the bodies were unrecognizable, but some appeared to be in Belgian Army uniform.—United Press.

Chinese Bomber Crashes

Shanghai, Apr. 11. A Chinese report from Mukden says a B-25 (Mitchell) of the Chinese Air Force crashed in Mukden on Wednesday, injuring six crewmen and six persons whose homes were crashed by the falling plane.

The report said the bomber developed engine trouble shortly after takeoff from Mukden airfield and the pilot jettisoned bombs on the outskirts while trying to crash-land.

The crash occurred on the same day that two P-51 (Mustangs) collided in the air in Nanking, killing four persons, including two pilots.—United Press.

Britain's New Air Liner

Bristol, Apr. 11. The prototype of Britain's giant "Brabazon I" airliner, designed to carry 100 persons across the Atlantic at 350 miles per hour, seven miles above the sea, will be flying early next year. Lord Nathan, Minister of Civil Aviation, said here today.

All being well, it will be in commercial service within five years, he added.

Lord Nathan disclosed that British European Airways Corporation have decided to begin operational trials with helicopters this summer.

Five American machines will be used at first, probably followed by British-built "Bristol" four-seater helicopters.—Reuter.

Warning Of Crash Ahead

Washington, Apr. 11. Senator Joseph C. Mahoney, Democrat, said today that United States economy is following the historical postwar course of "inflation, then a crash."

He said that unless there are price reductions very soon the manufacturers will discover they have priced themselves out of customers.

Mahoney said: "Industry can do more than the Government to preserve a system of free competition, prevent inflation and promote sound management relations."

The National Association of Retail Clothiers and Furnishers has published an open letter to men's wear retailers by its President, W. C. Swanson.

Swanson said: "We can continue to sell vast quantities of merchandise if we lower our prices and resist to the utmost any increase of the levels of production and redistribution."—Associated Press.

Slump This Year?

Chicago, Apr. 11. Wilfred Sykes, President of the Inland Empire Union, said today that a slump "may be expected" which will materially affect the business tempo.

Sykes said that "the accumulation of surpluses which at the first sign of a slump become excessive" is a serious threat to the economy and will affect the production of goods.

He said, however, that resistance made it "possible" to sell our goods rather than let them out to eager buyers.—Associated Press.

MORRISON ON RIVIERA

Menton, Apr. 10. Resting on a sunny balcony overlooking the Mediterranean, Mr. Herbert Morrison, British Cabinet Minister, said today that he was making a rapid recovery.

Mr. Morrison, President of the Council and Government leader in the House of Commons, came here to recuperate after an attack of the flu on the leg. He said that he hoped to be home by May 1.—Reuter.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m. and 6.30 to 11.00 p.m. and also on 0.52 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 6.30 to 7.50 and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m. H.K.T.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.32 p.m.—"Piano Playtime".

12.47 p.m.—"Sing Crocody" and "Contra Bass".

1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.15 p.m.—Song of the Sea.

1.30 p.m.—Popular Light Classics.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

2.30 p.m.—Variety Favourites.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World News.

7.10 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain.

7.15 p.m.—Studio: "See Tee's" Success Commentary.

7.30 p.m.—Studio: Unit Requests.

7.40 p.m.—Studio: "Callings—Rader, Beckton, Kait Tack".

8.30 p.m.—With Jerome Kern.

8.50 p.m.—London Relay: News.

9.10 p.m.—Studio: "Dreams May come"—A Light Comedy for Broadcasting Written and Produced by Donald. Presented by the Hong Kong Stage Club.

9.45 p.m.—Waiting with Wildcat.

10.00 p.m.—Relay from the Hong Kong Hotel of Fred Caspe and His "Gipsy" Dance Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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